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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: PRE-UNGA CONSULTATIONS

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1. PURSUANT TO REF. B, EMBOFF AND DCM LAST WEEK
RAISED 31ST REGULAR UNGA SESSION WITH, RESPECTIVELY,
MEA'S COUNSELLOR FERRABOSCHI (UN AFFAIRS) AND
MINISTER GARDINI (DIRGEN FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS).
EMBOFF LEFT WITH FERRABOSCHI A POINT PAPER DRAWN
FROM REF. B, WHICH BARDINI CLEARLY HAD READ BY TIME
DCM MET WITH HIM SUBSEQUENTLY.

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2. ALTHOUGH THEIR ASSESSMENTS OF MAJOR ITEMS OF

DEBATE TENDED TO COINCIDE WITH USG'S, NEITHER
FERRABOSCHI NOR GARDINI WAS SPECIFIC IN TERMS
OF ITALIAN ATTITUDES AT THE SESSION.

3. THEY AGREED THAT, DEPENDING ON STATE OF PLAY
FOLLOWING SECRETARY KISSINGER'S INITIATIVE IN
SOUTHERN AFRICA, THIS SUBJECT COULD PROVE TO
BE THE MOST CONTENTIOUS AND TIME-CONSUMING. AS
ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS, THEY SAID THAT EC NINE
WOULD NOT VOTE FOR A RESOLUTION WHICH COULD BE
INTERPRETED AS ENDORSING THE EQUATING OF
ZIONISM WITH RACISM BUT INDICATED ABSTENTION AS
A MORE LIKELY POSITION WHEN THE ISSUE IS NOT CLEAR-
CUT. ON TERRORISM, FERRABOSCHI SAID THAT THE
FRG'S LIMITED INITIATIVE, RELEVANT TO THE TAKING
OF HOSTAGES, WOULD HAVE THE NINE'S SUPPORT, WHICH
WOULD NOT NECESSARILY HAVE BEEN THE CASE HAD THE
GERMANS PROPOSED A BROADER RESOLUTION SUSCEPTIBLE
TO FRUITLESS AND INTERMINABLE DEBATE BY THE
RADICAL POWERS. ON CYPRUS THE NINE WOULD CONTINUE
TO ENCOURAGE RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS, ENCOURAGED
BY THE USG ATTITUDE THAT WALDHEIM SHOULD STAY
ENGAGED EVEN AT THE RISK OF LOSS OF SOME PRESTIGE.

4. COMMENT: KOREA, THE ISSUE ON WHICH WE WERE
INSTRUCTED AND PREPARED TO PUSH WITH THE MFA,
HAD BECOME A NON-ISSUE PRIOR TO OUR INTERVENTIONS. VOLPE

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